A Perfect

IOVRNALL

OF

All the particular paſſages of the Seige of *LYME.*

Collected by the Governour and Captaines of the Towne, that were the undaunted Actors in it, and ſent by them to my LORD

ADMIRALL.

As alſo the true and perfect Copie, of my Lord high Admiralls Letter to the Committee of both Kingdomes concerning the ſame.

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A Iournall of all the passages of the Seige of *Lyme*, collected by the Governour and Captaines of the Town, and sent by them to the LORD *ADMIRALL*.

The twentieth of April.

THe Enemie besieged us, tooke Hay, and Colway House, rais'd a Batterie within Musket shot of our Towne.

21. The Enemy approacht within Pistoll shot of our Towne, and played the great and small shot very hotly, though to very little purpose, the day Collours were commanded of a great part of the force at *Stadcom* which were way layd by the Enemie, but forced their passage without the losse of a man: This night the Enemie raised another Batterie *west*, commanded by the first, which did much annoy us, from thence many great shot, both of Demicannon, and whole Culverin, which did much annoy Vs, beate downe Captaine *Marshes* Fort; This Evening are sent to *Poole*, to acquaint them with our said condition.

22. This day *STVDCOMBE* Houſe was taken by the Enemie.

23. This day wee ſallyed out with ſixtie men, and ſeized upon their Gunnes, tooke the Princes Colours, killed to the number of a hundred, tooke thirtie priſoners, killed Captaine *Billet*. But the Evening came on ſo faſt, that wee were forct to a retreat, and left their Gunnes. Captaine *Road*, the Captaine of our forlorne Hope was ſhot in the head, but upon recoverie, this night an other Batterie was raiſed in *Colway* Meadow.

24. This day the Enemie played very hot with their Ordnance, but did little hurt, two *Dunkirke* Men of Warre lay before us.

25. This day our Shippe was betrayed, wherein wee left Priſoners of ſome worth, to the number of foureteene, very little powder, by this time left in our Towne.

26. We had ſome ſupply by Shipping.

27. From the firſt Fort, they ſhott in Granadoes, and fire Arrowes into Towne, this night they raiſed an other work at the Eaſt ſide of the Towne, beate downe Captaine *Newalls* Fort and did ſome hurt to the Towne.

28. In the morning the Enemie offered to ſtorme, but their Souldiers wanted hearts to it; Nevertheleſſe they beſtowed ſo much Powder and Shott upon us, that the Skies ſeemed to bee on fire, which was diſcovered by Captaine *Somaſt*, and Captaine *Iones*, then of *Portland*, who made all poſſible ſpeed to our reliefe; The ſight of theſe Shippes did amaze the Enemy and put life in our Souldiers, they ſupplyed us with ſome powder and Bullet, and other things which we much wanted. This day the enemies Ordnance played hot upon us.

29. Theſe

29. Theſe ſhips landed 100. men, the Enemy ſeemed not to be danted with it, but fired very hotte upon them, and made their approaches nearer our Line, they ſhotte in ſome fire Arrowes which did no hurt, nor affrighted our men.

30. This day the bold Sea men and others ſallyed out, and laid hold once more of their great Gunns, Cloyed ſome of them, kild many of the enemy, Major *Harrington* kild by one of our owne men.

May the firſt.

They gave us a thundering Alarum in the morning, and began to make their fort Royall againſt Captaine *Davies* fort.

The 3.4. 5th.dayes the Enemy lay very violent the weather being very tempeſtious, inſomuch that we doubted of the ſafety of our ſhipping.

6. The Enemy according to their former cuſtome pelted ſome what hotly, and in the evening ſtormed us very gallantly, to the loſſe of at leaſt 100. or more, they loſt Colonell *Blewet*, and as far as we can here, Colonell *Strangwayes* former Captaine, Captaine *Mallinuex*, and Captaine *William Pawlet* of *Mellplaſh* taken Priſoners, *Pawlet* being ſince dead, the Enemy being all the night ſilent.

7. This day the Enemy ſent to demand the body of Colonell *Blewet*, and deſired liberty to burie their dead, which was accordingly granted, which tooke up all that day ſcarce a ſtroke paſſed, the night proved very ſilent.

8. They drew their Army into two bodies which kept us in

in perpetuall Allarums all the afternoone, and the night, this night also came in Captaine *Cox*, with his ſhipping, which yeelded us ſome releſre both of men and proviſion, Captaine *Baalet* died this night, of his wound, he received it ſtorme-ing.

6. This day proved as ſilent, as the weather quiet, onely in the after noone, the Ordnance thundred on both ſides in the night vallies of ſmall ſhott rattled bravely.

10. This day the Enemy raiſed a Breſt-worke on the weſt end of the Towne, playing with ſmall ſhott, and ſome times great.

11. This day Captaine *Iurden*, and Captaine *Man*, with his ſquadron, arrived ſafely, who brought with them to our aſſi-ſtance, Major *Catsforch*, and three Companies more, the Ene-my played upon them as they were landing, but did them no hurt, this evening the Enemy ſhot a great ſhot into Cap-taine *Lawies* Fort, which killed our principall Gunner, and two more.

12. This day they ſhot in diverſe Balls of wilde fire, but did no hurt, only fell into a houſe. Captaine *Iones*, diſpatcht for *Portſmouth*, with Letters to Sir *William Waller*, and others to the Committee; this day the Enemy began two ſtrong batteries very neare our line on the weſt, and two more were raiſed againſt them, which did ſome what trouble them.

13. This day wee played on their Battaries with our Ord-nance very hott, did ſome miſchiefe, ſome ſhot ratled on both ſidss wiih litle loſſe on our part.

14. This day the enemy was very ſilent, in the afternoone wee ſent out a party for diſcovery, which rouſed them: wee found their quarters ſtrongly mand, and about midnight another party was ſent upon a contrary quarter which did ſome execution on them, and retreated without loſſe.

15. This day we received a Culverin Cutt from Captaine *Somester*, which we placed in one of our new batteries.

16. The enemy endeavoured to make up their breaches by our Ordnance, but could not, being continually battered.

17. This day the Ordnance we thought drawne off, began to ſpeake, which had not ſpoke in three dayes, this night they made a line in oppoſition to ours Northward; Theſe two dayes they played their Ordnance very thick upon the Cobb,

18. This day wee ſallied out and entred their Fort Royall ſplit their Gunns, tooke 20. priſoners, beat them home to their grand quarter, and returned with little loſſe. In the Evening they played hott againe in the Cobb, and continued making up of their trenches.

19. This day there was Ceſſation of Armes for the ſpace of an houre for the fetching of three, which were loſt in the valley, our Ordnance ſlew many at their Grand quarter, this night proved very ſilent.

20. This morning the Enemy came by Liveteenant Colonell *Blakes* quarters, and approached neare the *Cobbe*, in ſo much that they tooke off a Shipps Colours from her ſterne, and afterwards fetcht two horſes cloſe to a party that was ſent out ro reſcue them.

21. This day the Enemy intrenched themſelves at the weſt end of the Towne neare the Sea ſide, ſhot many great ſhot in the *Cobb*, this night a halfe Moone breſt was raiſed againſt Captaine *Gaitch* his Fort and approach neare that part of the Line.

22. This day a party of the Enemies foote faced the *Cobb*, and after ſome few ſhotts entered it, but were beaten out quite by a party of ours which iſſued out, another party the ſame time iſſuing forth, entered one of their Works, but could not keepe it by reaſon of the evening approaching, retreated with ſmall loſſe, only Captaine *Pyme* who had ever behaved himſelfe very well, was dangerouſly wounded, this evening proved very ſilent by reaſon of their fetching out ſuch things as were in the ſhipps, which they that evening had burned.

23. This day the Earle of *VVarwicke* arrived here which was a great incouragement to our Souldiers, this evening the Governour, and Livetenant Colonell *Blake*, were ſent a board to Conſult with his Lordſhippe.

My Lords, &c.

My Lords,&c.

Comming before *Lyme Regis*, this day ſevennight in the morning, I found the Towne under a very great ſtreight, and cloſe ſiege: the proceedings of the enemy, and of the Towns defence till my comming, will bee offered to our Lordſhips knowledge, by the incloſed, being a Copy of Colonell *Wards* journals to that time.

At my arrivall in this Bay, I found the Town in very great want of victuals and Ammunition, though for their neceſſary ſubſiſtance, Captaine *Somaſter*, Captain of the *Mary Roſe*, whom I had formerly ſent thither for their encouragement: together with Captaine *Iorden*, captaine of the *Expedition*; Captaine *Cocke*, Captaine of the *May flower*; and Captaine *Iones*, Captaine of the *Anne* and *Ioyce*, had ſpared them out of their ſhips ſtores thirty five Barrels of Powder, and a good quantity of Bisket, and other proviſions, beſides ſome victuals delivered them out of Capt. *Iorden* and Capt. *Iones*.

At my first comming, I sent them on shoar thirty eight barrels of Powder, and some proportion of match, directed to them from the Committee for the West: I also contracted with a *Sandwich* man for neere foure hundred pounds worth of Corne, Malt, Butter, Cheese, &c. they having not left in the Towne two dayes bread.

The night before my comming, the enemy had burnt neere twenty *Barks* neere the Towne, and some that were left, they burnt the night following: the same night Captaine *Pine* was wounded, and is since dead.

On Saturday I received a letter from Captaine *Seely*, the Governour, importing the necessity of the Towne, and praying a supply out of the ships stores, without which they could not longer maintaine the Siege: I was fully informed of the gallantry of the defendants, the Garrison consisting of about 1100 men, who though they wanted Shoes, Stockings, Cloaths, and pay, and had bin kept on the line from the beginning of the Siege without relieſe, yet were every of them resolved to hold out to the utmost poynt of time, and when all failed, to make way thorow the Enemy with the Sword.

Their condition and courage had such operation on the Seamen of my Ship, that they did unanimously consent to give them a fourth part of the next foure moneths bread, and to

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abate it proportionably out of every dayes allowance. Thoſe of my ſhip, out of their good affection to this cauſe of God and the Kingdome, did ſend their ſouldiers part of their own victuall, bootes, ſhoes, ſtockings, and ſome cloathes, puniſhing themſelves to ſupply the others extream neceſſities.

On Monday laſt I called a councell of war aboord [redacted] conſultation with one of the Commanders ſent from the councell of War in *Lyme*, we reſolved to ſpare them out of the Ships two thouſand weight of bread, beſides the Seamens 7000, a hogs head of beef, a hogs head of porke, and ſome ſhot, wherof part was ſent on ſhoare that day. The ſame day I received a letter from the Commanders in *Lyme*, declaring that ſome of the Seamen might be ſent to guard the line, while others of the Garriſon ſallyed upon the Enemy; and by our councell of Warre, wee reſolved to ſpare them three hundred men; but inſtead of giving a ſalley, the towne received a ſtorming that day from the enemie, at which time there were about ſixtie of the Enemies, and but eight of the Towne ſlaine, and a few wounded, amongſt whom Colonell *Were* was ſhot in the bellie, but not mortallie; and Lieutenant Colonell *Blake* had a ſlight hurt in his foot. Three Captaines were appoynted to lead the forlorne hope, of which Captaine

Southerne, who had on him the Lord *Paulets* own Armour, was ſlaine on the place, Captaine *Aſton* was taken Priſoner, & brought aboard the *Iames* on Tueſday morning, and the third Captaine eſcaped. The dead that then fell were left upon the place, the Enemie declaring that they would burie them, and take in the Towne together. By this *Aſton* I received notice, that the Beſiegers were about [redacted] horſe and foot; that Prince *Maurice*, the Lord *Paulet*, and Sir *Iohn Barkeley*, were in the Leaguer. The Garriſon having by this ſucceſſe received Incouragement, they reſolv'd to proſecute their intention of ſallying on the Enemie, they being much tyred out with continual duty, & the Proviſions ſpared out of the Ships being not ſufficient for many days ſupplie, the ſoldiers ſpending about twelve hundred weight of bread a day, and there being about foure thouſand ſoules in the Towne, In purſuance therefore, of the former reſolution, I ſent the three hundred men on ſhoare with ſafetie on Tueſday night, halfe of them being ſent before hand into ſome ſmall Veſſell that lay neer the Towne. The ſame Tueſday, I reſolved before the time determined for ſallying, which was to be communicated to us, by a ſign from Captaine *Davies* Fort, to ſend all our Ship-boats filled with men; as alſo the *Expedition* and the *Warwick* Frigot, to plye to and againe on the Eaſt-ſhoare, there being

ing ſeverall Valleys, *Charmouth*, *Bridport*, and other places within five or ſix miles of *Lyme*, that gave an opportunitie of landing, hoping that by giving an allarum there, I might draw off from about the Towne, the Enemies horſe, (which the Townesmen moſt feared) and happily ſome of their foot, whereby the Beſieged might gaine the more advantage.

Yeſterday, I accordingly ſent out the Ships and Boats, and by an allarum given, obtained that which was in our deſigne; foure or five Troopes of horſe, and ſome hundreds of foot, giving a continuall attendance, upon motion of our Boats. The Enemie it ſeemes was, upon obſervation of our Boats, miſtaken in our purpoſe, conceiving that our Boats had drawne off ſome of the Garriſon, intending to land them on the Eaſt there, for the getting of Proviſions into the Towne, or for falling upon their Reare.

Hereby ſuppoſing the Towne to be weakned, they reſolved upon another ſtorming, which began yeſterday about foure of the clock, neere unto the time agreed on for ſallying. They made three aſſaults, and did twice make an orderly retreat: the third time they came on with as much braverie and reſolution as could be in ſouldiers, which was as gallantly received by

the Towneſ-men. The fight was continued with extreame violence from about ſix of the clock at night for about two houres, there being a continued Volley of great ſhot and ſmall ſhot. The iſſue was, there fell of the enemie, by computation of ſome that came this day aboord, foure hundred; and of the Garriſon there was ſlaine and hurt onely ſix or ſeven men. The laſt night and this morning there is in the Towne a more then ordinarie ſilence.

Thus I have repreſented to your Lordſhips &c. the ſtate of this Towne, hoping that ſome ſpeedie courſe will be taken for their reliefe: Their fidelitie and courage God hath much honoured, and it is pittie that the delaying of ſupply ſhould hazard the leaſt blunting of their Reſolution. There be men of very conſiderable reputation in the Towne, who will be able (if freed from this Siege) to ſerve the State, by rayſing a good body of men in theſe parts. If *Lime* be loſt, it will have a very ill influence; the inclination of theſe parts depending on the ſucceſſe of that Towne, which the enemie values not ſo much for it ſelfe, as for the men that are in it: who if at libertie, will quickly get a ſtrength together, which the Countrey will be well diſpoſed to cloſe withall.

It will be an act very worthy the Houſes of Par-

Parliament, to haſten towards them ſome forces by Land, and ſome Victuals and Ammunition by Sea, that ſuch precious and diſtreſſed Spirits may not become a prey to Famine, or a cruell Enemie.

And ſo I commend your Lordſhips, &c. and all your Councels to the bleſſing of Heaven, reſting

your Lordſhips &c. and the reſt
moſt humble ſervant,

WARWICK.

From aboard his Majeſties Ship the James, *at Anchor before* Lime Regis, *the* 30. *of* May, 1644.

FINIS.

This is Licenſed according to Order.